

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1002

Introduced by Assembly Member Nava

February 22, 2005

An act to amend Section 1801 of the Fish and Game Code, relating to conservation.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1002, as introduced, Nava. Wildlife conservation.

Existing law provides for the conservation of wildlife resources, including birds, mammals, and reptiles not raised in captivity. Existing law declares, as the policy of the state, the encouragement of the preservation, conservation, and maintenance of wildlife resources under the jurisdiction and influence of the state, and sets forth objectives to be included in the policy.

This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes in that provision.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 1801 of the Fish and Game Code is
2 amended to read:
3 1801. It is hereby declared to be the policy of the state to
4 encourage the preservation, conservation, and maintenance of
5 wildlife resources under the jurisdiction and influence of the
6 state. This policy shall include the following objectives:

1 (a) To maintain sufficient populations of all species of wildlife
2 and the habitat necessary to achieve the objectives stated in
3 subdivisions (b), (c), and (d).

4 (b) To provide for the beneficial use and enjoyment of wildlife
5 by all citizens of the state.

6 (c) To perpetuate all species of wildlife for their intrinsic and
7 ecological values, as well as for their direct benefits to all
8 persons.

9 (d) To provide for aesthetic, educational, and nonappropriative
10 uses of the various wildlife species.

11 (e) To maintain ~~diversified~~ *a multitude of* recreational uses of
12 wildlife, including the sport of hunting, as proper uses of certain
13 designated species of wildlife, subject to regulations consistent
14 with the maintenance of healthy, viable wildlife resources, the
15 public safety, and a quality outdoor experience.

16 (f) To provide for economic contributions to the citizens of the
17 state, through the recognition that wildlife is a renewable
18 resource of the land by which economic return can accrue to the
19 citizens of the state, individually and collectively, through
20 regulated management. Such management shall be consistent
21 with the maintenance of healthy and thriving wildlife resources
22 and the public ownership status of the wildlife resources.

23 (g) To alleviate economic losses or public health or safety
24 problems caused by wildlife to the people of the state either
25 individually or collectively. Such resolution shall be in a manner
26 designed to bring the problem within tolerable limits consistent
27 with economic and public health considerations and the
28 objectives stated in subdivisions (a), (b) and (c).

29 (h) It is not intended that this policy shall provide any power
30 to regulate natural resources or commercial or other activities
31 connected therewith, except as specifically provided by the
32 Legislature.